# A PERSONAL.

BY LOUISE HOLLAND.

(Copyrighted, 1900: Daily Story Pub. Co.) say, boys, there's more than one way of getting married nowadays. Listen to this," exclaimed Laurence Meredith from the cozy corner of the club smoker, from the cozy corner of the club smoker, where his tall, graceful form and handsome blonde head were almost lost from view under the numerous sheets of a Surday morning paper and the smoke from his cigar.

"A young man, 30 years of age, of exemplary habits, desires acquaintance of young lady about 25, good looking, educated, refined; object matrimony. Address K, 290,"

'Doesn't it beat all what fools some "Yes, and women, too; for I'll bet some antiquated female will answer that personal before night," declared Charlle Norris.

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"Oh, I don't believe it," returned Laurence. "No woman would sell herself that cheap."

"I don't know about that," remarked Tom Keith, a quiet, observing sort of fellow, "women do some mighty queer things in these so-called progressive days."

days."
"I'm altogether right!" declared that young gentleman; "don't I know the sex?" "Oh, come, now, Dolly." exclaimed Laurence, calling the dandy by his somewhat effeminate nickname, "just because you've got the handsomest pair of legs of any man in town, and a rich uncle, so that all the women make an ass of you, don't think, my dear boy, you are competent to judge in a case like this; your ideas are altogether too biased."

biased."
"What do you want to bet I'm not right?" cried Charlie, a little nettled by Laurence's patronizing tone.
"Bet? What's the use of that? There is no proving who is right," returned his contestant.

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"Yes, there is!" chimed in a plain, humorous looking man who sat near the window, and as yet had been but a silent member of the quartet. "Let Laurence wrifte a personal, the answer to be addressed to the club, and we four will read it."

"By Jove, John!" exclaimed Charlie,
"let me examine your head; you must
have had an excelent night's sleep to
render you so unusually brilliant at this
early hour of the morning, or have you
just had a cockail?"
"Neither, my dear fellow, I think it is
but a faint reflection of the briliant intellects about me."
Charlie joined good naturedly in the
general laugh at his expense, then, turning to Laurence, said inquiringly, "What
do you think of that scheme, old boy, is
it a go?" By Jove, John!" exclaimed Charlie,

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"How much do you want to bet?" inquired Laurence.
"Well, you write the personal to be addressed to yourself (some fictitious name, of course), at the Club, and you agree to show the answer to the rest of us, so that we can be sure it's no bogus billet doux; and I'll bet an even hundred to your ten that you'll get an answer inside of two days."
"It's a go. Now come and help me out wit the personal. It makes a fellow feel like a fool to try and write a description of himself!"
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"How would this suit you?" asked Charlie. 'A young, rich, handsome, intelligent, interesting, affectionate and loving young gentleman, desires acquaintance of a lovely young girl; sylph-like type preferred; object—"
"Ring off, you cad!" cried Laurence angrily, "what do you take me for?"
"Why, it's a perfect photograph of yourself, and the other is just the kind of a girl you like," said Charlie with a sly look at the others.

"I have it!" cried Charlie. 'A young man with a giass eye, cork leg, and the car wishes to make the acquaintance of a young lady likewise endowed; no imposition; even trade; object, matrimony."
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Now, Charlie, shut up. Laurence, listen to this," and John Strong read what he had just sribbled on the filly leaf of his book: "A young, honest, intelligent man desires acquaintance of young lady pessessing similar attributes; object, friendship, possibly matrimony. Address L, 425 Niposink Club. You see that qualifying opens to you an honorable road for retreat; will that do?"

"Just the ticket," said Laurence.
"Heavens, Jack, but you're a deep one," said Charlie.
"He uses his head to think with as well as to eat and drink and talk with; you'd do well to cultivate him, my boy," put in Laurence, glad to give Charlie a hit for his too accurate description of a girl he admired.

"Well, boys, I must be moving," declared Charlie, ignoring Laurence's shot, thinking 't well to retire before he got another, and he was off, to be followed soon after by his companions.

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butantes to talk over the details of the next ball, the experience of the last one, and to become more intimately acquainted with Margaret Deland's gay young cousin, a pretty brown-eyed, brown-haired girl from the North, who, with her alert, vivacious and independent ways, formed quite a contrast to her quiet, demure and more conservative sisters of the South.

Kate Irving was but 18, and this visit to her Southern cousin witnessed not only the first flight from the home nest, but her inftial entry into the social whirl as well; and, to her it seemed a veritable peep into fairyland. Yet she carried herself well, and her head was not turned by the many flattering attentions she received from the Southern gallants whom she met.

In a momentary bull of the details of Maude Clare's recpetion gown, Margaret put the question, "Who do you think called last night."

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Inquired Millicent Dean, a girl whose baby face and innocent blue eyes almost belied the meaning look she gave the others as she asked the question.

Margaret flushed, and replied: "He was here, but Charlie Norris came with him and, girls, he was so infatuated with him and, girls, he was so infatuated with Kate he hardly addressed three words to me during the entire evening. What will we do with this Northerner, if she comes among us and carries off the handsomest man in town?"
"Oh, Margaret! Why, girls, he and

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"Oh, Margaret! Why, girls, he and Margaret got into such a heated discus-sion on 'Modern Woman,' you could al-most se the sparks fly," returned Kate. "Did Margaret agree with him; what did Charlie say?" asked Maude, trying hard not to look too interested in that young gentleman's views of the "weaker vessel."

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"Of course she didn't agree with him. Why, he says the modern woman is as bold and independent as a man, and as for the restraints of custom and things conventional, she utterly ignores them."

"Yes," interposed Margaret, "he grew so much in earnest that he said, why, ladies, to show you how convinced f arm that I'm right, I've got a bet of a hundred dollars with a certain fellow who shares your antiquated ideas, and tomorrrow evening Fil blow that hundred on a swell dinner at the Club; ladies,

"it's a burning shame: you're not telling me a word about her. What was she like? Lady of uncertain age, or an airy, fairy Liffian?" was the short rejoinder. "Well, I'll have it out of you when I give my toast," Charlie replied.

Laurence smiled, but made no answer, as he turned to greet the first comers. Among the last to arrive were Margaret and Kate Margaret with a puzzlel, mystified look on her face, and Kate strangely excited. She greeted Charlie pleasantily but, as she gave her hand to Laurence, she blushed visibly, and his embarrassment was hardly less than her own. In fact, on Kate's passing on and mingling with the other guests, Charlie had to put the question three times: "Wasn't she the prettiest girl he ever saw?" before he had sufficiently recovered to reply in the affirmative.

Dinner being announced, it was Laurence's good or bad fortune, as the case might be, to take out Kate who supported him at the lower end of the table. At the upper end, with Maude on his right, sat Charlie.

The affair progressed merrily, though Charlie and Kate were the recipients of many an inquiring glance. At last toasts were in orier, and Charlie rose to his feet. "Ladies," he said, "to you alone is due this festive scene. Two days ago I made a bet with my unsophisticated friend, who graces the lower end of this groaning board, an even hundred to his ten that, should he send a personal to the paper he would receive an answer inside of two days—my admiration and observation of the fair sex leading me to believe that you always have an eye to the main chance—in fact, you are like the early bird who always gets the worm—but, pardon these digressions. In proof that it was sent, listen," and he read from a paper he drew from his pocket, "A young, honest, intelligent men desires acquaintance of young lady possessing similar attributs; object, friendsilp, possibly marimony. Address L, 425 Niposink Club," further than that the personal was answered, behold!" and he fashed ten crisp tens before their eyes, "which I blow on this

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On the subject of looting much has been heard lately in connection with the selzers, first of Tien Tsin, and then of Pekin. Strictly speaking, it is forbidden by the rules of civilized warfare, and is punished severely in cases of conflicts between hristian nations. But it is sanctioned, or, perhaps, it would be better to say, tolerated, in instances where the foe is either Oriental or African, and where it is considered to add, by destruction of the enemy's property, to the weight of the punishment inflicted through mere defeat. In instances of this kind English, as well as German military regulations, provide that all loot belongs by right to the crown, and cannot under ordinary circumstances be appropriated or distributed without the consent of the sovereign.

As a rule, the soldiers are not worried with restrictions as long as the looting is done only on a small scale, and there was hardly a soldier who returned from the Soudan that did not bring back with him to his relatives and friends some spoils of war in the shape of dervish arms and accourtments. But had the British military authorities been able to discover the Identity of the soldiers who looted the royal treasury at Mandalay, and who made away with the ruby-covered crown of King Thebaw, they would have been sentenced by court martial either to be shot or to a long term or imprisonment.

Had the mahdi's still carefully concealed treasure been captured after the battle of Omdurman, every bit of it would have entirely depended upon the good will of the latter whether or not any percentage thereof were distributed among the officers who had taken part in the capture. If the military regulations had been enforced at Tien Tsin and at Peking, every bit of loot taken by the British solders should have been distributed either in full or in part, according to a scale approved by the military withorities, which is based on the relative daily pay of all ranks, the infantry private with a shilling a day being taken as the limit. But it is exp

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New York, Oct. 1 .- A dispatch to the New York, Oct. 1.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The earliest contested elections on Monday will furnish pointers, but the general trend of public opinion will not be disclosed before Wednesday night. The most important contest is at Oldham, where two liberal imperialists are defending seats which were won from the unionists in bye-elections. This will be the first indication of the drift of opinion in the great industrial section of Lancashire-Hochdale, where the liberal candidate is charged with being pro-Boer, will be another Lancashire test. There are two other boroughs which will throw light on the contest of the constituencies which were carried by liberal majorities in 1895. These are Hartlepool, where Sir Christopher Furness seeks to gain a seat, and Durham, where the liberals had a single vote to spare. The turn of a hundred votes in as many boroughs and districts then closely contested will heavily reduce the union majority. A new feature of the canvass is the success of the liberals in "drawing" Mr. Chamberlain out in regard to South Africa. Lord Salisbury, in citing a brief program of democratic reforms, has given the opposition something to talk about, especially about the "housing problem."

The literary contingent among the candidates for parliamentary honors is waging a breezy campaign. Mr. Parker has the best chance of being elected, but Winston Churchill is making a hard fight and Henry Norman is displaying great energy. Conan Doyle has a stiff majority to overcome, but as on old Edinburgh boy, he is among his own pecple. He is a big, brawny candidate, and speaks with much directness and earnessness. He lays stress on his being a liberal unionist, with a strong accent on the liberal, for Scotch ears, and resents attacks from the ready-made members of the Reform club, who insist that he ought to abandon that enclosure.

A feature of the canvass in Ireland is the opening of a line of cleavage on the unionist side. The unionists are divided on the land question and on Mr. Balfours ge Tribune from London says: The earliest contested elections on Monday will fur-

NEW YORK SLAVE SHIPS.

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